



Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy

June 24, 1921 - February 23, 2022

Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy, 100 yrs. old, of Texarkana, TX, formerly of Stamps, Arkansas, transitioned on February 23, 2022. She was born in Bradley, Arkansas, on June 24, 1921, the only child of Rhodia Holmes-Young, and Army Young.

Bessie returned to school at the age of 40, to earn her high school diploma, marching with the class of 1963 at Lafayette County Training School/Ellis High in Stamps, Arkansas. She also attended Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where she pursued a degree in Early Childhood Development.

Mrs. Flournoy was a member of Greenville Baptist Church in Stamps for many years serving as a choir member, deaconess, Sunday School teacher, usher board attendant, and vacation Bible school coordinator.

Through several extension programs in Lafayette County, she taught people how to can and preserve food as well as how to sew.

She was the Head Start coordinator for Lafayette, Hempstead, and Howard counties for many years.

Bessie moved to Texarkana after retirement and became a member of the

New Baptist Bible Fellowship Church, where she was adored and lovingly known as “Momma Bessie.”

Mrs. Flournoy was preceded in death by her parents, Rhodia Holmes-Young, and Army Young, her husband, Arthur Flournoy, three previous spouses, daughter, Amanda Lee Young, and granddaughter, Brandice Webster.

She is survived by her biological son and daughter, Andrew Lawson, and Willie Wilson of Texarkana, TX; a son and daughter she raised, Ronald (Glenda) Flournoy of Spring, TX, Emma Ward Gonzales of Lancaster, CA.

Bessie also leaves to cherish her memory with (12) Grandchildren, Reginald Lawson of Jackson, MS, Kevin Williams of Austin, TX, Rahman (Ramona) Wilson of Texarkana, TX, Gregory Smith of Magnolia, AR, Chase Flournoy of Benton, AR, Skylar Webster, Robert Gonzales both of Lancaster, CA, Kelvin Gonzales, of Los Angeles, CA, Cynthia Perry of Texarkana, TX, Tonya Lawson Rife of Fort Worth, TX, Terra (Tim) Lawson-Boyko of Keizer, OR, Latasha Flournoy of Little Rock, AR; 14 Great Grandchildren, 6 Great-Great Grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Graveside Celebration of Life services will be held Friday, March 4th, 2022, at Lakeside Cemetery in Stamps, AR, at 1:00 p.m., under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Rev. Malvin Patterson, Officiant/Eulogist.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear a Mask While Attending the Services.” This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Gravel & Valley Street
Stamps, AR

Previous Events

Graveside service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Lakeside Cemetery
Gravel & Valley Street
Stamps, AR

Tribute Wall

BW

“ We know that memories will keep Ms Bessie Mae close to you. May your memories be a source of comfort. Her contagious laugh will never be forgotten. 🙏❤️🙏❤️



Barbara Walker - March 04, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy.



March 03, 2022 at 04:21 PM

PT

“ Primerica Family/Mattie , Lonnie & Trina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy.



Primerica Family/Mattie , Lonnie & Trina - March 02, 2022 at 02:43 PM

DH

“ Debra Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy



Debra Hendricks - March 01, 2022 at 09:49 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie Browning lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Stephanie Browning - February 28, 2022 at 05:18 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie Browning lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Stephanie Browning - February 28, 2022 at 05:17 PM

NJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Ronnie and Nikki Johnson
Arlington, Texas*



Nikki Johnson - February 27, 2022 at 10:13 PM

JK

“ We only pass this way but once, but those blessed with God's special gifts touch countless others throughout their journey. We, the Celebrate! Maya Project was greatly blessed to have been a small part in Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney's journey. Her contributions are enormous, beginning with her loving family and her community. We are the better for meeting her. May God continue to shed blessings on her memory and her family.

Janis F. Kearney, and the Celebrate! Maya Project

Janis F Kearney - February 26, 2022 at 05:59 PM

EJ

“ Elizabeth Joyce purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney.



Elizabeth Joyce - February 26, 2022 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney



Melvin Madison - February 25, 2022 at 09:22 PM

EC

“ *Emma Cooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney*



Emma Cooks - February 25, 2022 at 06:16 PM

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PW

“ *Paula White-Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney*



Paula White-Smith - February 25, 2022 at 12:48 PM

CT

“ *Carol Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney*



Carol Tyson - February 25, 2022 at 12:29 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney*



Brenda Wesley - February 24, 2022 at 10:04 PM

BW

My deepest condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏

Brenda Wesley - February 24, 2022 at 10:05 PM

FW

My deepest condolences to Bro.Lawson and the family.

Flavia Washington

Flavia Washington - February 25, 2022 at 11:16 PM

MJ

“ *Miller John sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney*



Miller John - February 24, 2022 at 07:24 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney*



Edna Rowden - February 24, 2022 at 11:47 AM

HF

“ Hazel Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney



Hazel Smith Family - February 24, 2022 at 10:46 AM

HJ

“ rip Mrs.Bessie ❤️

Hannah jones - February 23, 2022 at 09:08 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flourney



Carolyn Brown - February 23, 2022 at 08:36 PM

BW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Sister Bessie Flourney. She was such a friendly and outgoing lady who always offered words of wisdom. May God continue to bless her family. Much love, Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - February 23, 2022 at 07:49 PM

KH

“ *Kim Howell-White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Kim Howell-White - February 23, 2022 at 04:23 PM

KH

“ *Kim Howell-White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Kim Howell-White - February 23, 2022 at 04:23 PM

MD

“ *My Prayers and Condolences to the Family*



Mary Davis - February 23, 2022 at 03:46 PM

SM

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences to the family. Rest in Love.*



Sonia McCutchen - February 23, 2022 at 02:53 PM

GB

“ *Gwen Willis Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Gwen Willis Brown - February 23, 2022 at 02:44 PM

CF

“ *Cathy Revels McNeil & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Cathy Revels McNeil & Family - February 23, 2022 at 12:03 PM

CF

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Cathy Revels McNeil & Family - February 23, 2022 at 12:03 PM

CE

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Cynthia Easter - February 23, 2022 at 11:38 AM

LM

“ *Condolences to the family*



Latetia McDonald - February 23, 2022 at 11:38 AM

RT

Condolences to the family she was a icon to me I really cherished her.

Ronald Thomas - February 23, 2022 at 05:34 PM

LS

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Linda Samuels - February 23, 2022 at 11:21 AM

ET

“ *Praying for strength and guidance for the family*



Eloise Tyson - February 23, 2022 at 10:25 AM

TJ

“ *Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie Mae Flournoy*



Teresa Johnson - February 23, 2022 at 10:21 AM

BW

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God bless each of you.
Love,
Bama Williams*

Bama Williams - February 23, 2022 at 12:40 PM

BD

*My heartfelt sympathy to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Mother Bessie will truly be missed. I pray peace and comfort for the family during your time of bereavement.
Love
Bonnie Daniels*

Bonnie Daniels - February 23, 2022 at 01:01 PM

PW

My prayers are with you at this time. Mrs Bessie Mae was a faithful friend & mentor for me throughout the years. I loved her much and appreciated her Godly wisdom. Home with The Lord and free at last. Heaven with Jesus is a real blessing.

Paula White-Smith - February 23, 2022 at 01:42 PM

GM

My prayers and thoughts go out to the family at this most sorrowful time. May God bless each of you..

Gloria Mills

Gloria Mills - February 24, 2022 at 11:09 AM

GP

So glad to have known Ms. Bessie Mae during our time at St. John and also at the

different Headstart workshops back in the day. So much talent. Prayers and condolences to her family. God bless, Glenda Porchia and family.

Glenda Porchia - February 27, 2022 at 10:48 PM

WB

*Bro. Lawson,
We extend our prayers and condolences during your time of bereavement.*

Wilma Brown and Marjorie Kelly

Wilma K Brown - February 28, 2022 at 10:31 AM